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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DONALDSON

1. YOUR CASE FOR INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE IS A VALID ONE. AN EQUALLY GOOD CASE CAN BE MADE FOR PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS, IN BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD.
2. DECISION TO LIMIT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN FIRST CONFERENCE TO SMALL GROUP OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER NATIONS (WHO CONSUME 75 PERCENT OF WORLD'S OIL) WAS DELIBERATE ONE TAKEN AFTER FULL REGARD FOR CASE FOR LARGER GROUP, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY LDC REPRESENTATIVES. DECISION REFLECTS VIEW THAT SMALLER GROUP CAN BEST AND MOST QUICKLY DEVELOP A SKELETAL CONSUMER ACTION PROGRAM DIRECTED TOWARD COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES AND FORMULATION OF A NEW AND EQUITABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.

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3. THERE IS AND WAS NO INTENT TO EXCLUDE INDIA OR ANY

OTHER COUNTRY FROM WHAT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE POINTS OUT
MUST BE A COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG ALL COUNTRIES, BIG AND

SMALL, PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE. WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING AND NOT THE END OF THIS EFFORT. AS MESSAGE ALSO EMPHASIZES, WE ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS THAT ENERGY PROBLEM IS AS VITAL IN IMPORTANCE TO CONSUMERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS IT IS IN DEVELOPED WORLD. CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO GET COOPERATIVE EFFORT LAUNCHED IN MOST PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE WAY, THERE IS NO LACK OF APPRECIATION HERE THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE INCLUDED AT EARLY STAGE.

4. THAT WAS PURPOSE IN INSTRUCTION TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS TO FULLY BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENTS ON PURPOSES AND RATIONALE OF PRELIMINARY MEETING AND SPECIFICALLY OF INSTRUCTION THAT YOU STRESS PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION OF VITAL STAKE THAT DEVELOPING WORLD HAS IN SEEING THAT ORDER AND STABILITY IN SOURCES AND USES OF ENERGY BE ATTAINED. SEE ALSO THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS THIS SUBJECT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED AS PROCESS DEVELOPS SO AS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR HAND IN ACHIEVING THE MAXIMUM DEGREE OF INDIAN COOPERATION THAT WE WANT AND NEED IN THIS EFFORT. IN THAT RESPECT, WHAT IMPRESSIONS DO YOU GET FROM INDIANS AS TO HOW INDIA CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY PLAY ROLE IN MULTILATERAL EFFORTS MEET ENERGY CRISIS?

6. FYI, I SAW PETE COLLADO AND GARVEN OF EXXON YESTERDAY AND TALKED UP OFFSHORE INDIA EXPLORATION. THEY WERE NONCOMMITTAL, BUT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND GET BACK TO ME. KISSINGER

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